

## PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 7 April 49 07/2245Z	2. LOCATION San Bernardino, California 365
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION 1. INSUFFICIENT DATA FOR EVALUATION 2. Other (PARACHUTES)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1. One 2. Multiple	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1. 405 sec 2. Not Reported	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Air-Visual	1. Observer sighted a red and gray object which appeared to be tumbling in a forward direction. It was seen for a few seconds. 2. Observers sighted what appeared to be four parachutes except that no shroud lines or bodies could be seen. They looked just like the canopy of a chute, reflecting a pure white color. They vanished in an Easterly direction. One observer was firmly convinced that they were parachutes.
7. COURSE East	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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Incident: 305

Name and address of observer: Lt. Edwin B. Reeser  
Lt. Marvin M. Van Salter

Occupation and hobbies:

Pilots

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):

**NARRATIVE SUMMARY:** After seeing object described and other white objects similar to parachutes but without shroud lines or bodies were noticed floating in sky at 1000' a part.

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INCIDENT NO:

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1. Date of Observation 1445 - 1500 Date of Interview \_\_\_\_\_

2. Exact Time (local) Riverside, Calif.

3. Place of Observation Air T-6 at 8000'

4. Position of observer

5. What attracted attention to object. 1

6. Number of objects

7. Apparent size Red & Grey

8. Color of object Like Wing Tip Tank

9. Shape 6000'

10. Altitude

11. Direction from observer

12. Distance from observer Easternly

13. Direction of flight of object(s) 5 Secs.

14. Time in sight

15. Speed

16. Sound and odor

17. Trail

18. Luminosity

19. Projections

20. Maneuvers

21. Manner of disappearance

22. Effect on Clouds

23. Additional Information Concerning Object- 4 white parachute-like objects also noticed.

24. Weather Conditions.

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Basic ltr: Report, Subj: Rep on Flying Discs, dtd 19 Apr 49, to: Intel Officer, SBAD, fr Lt Van Salter and Lt Besser.

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SSAI/EDE/mlc

Hq SBAD, San Bernardino Air Force Base, California, 22 April 1949.

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio. ATTN: MCIM

Forwarded for your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

EVERETT D. ELKINS  
Major, USAF  
Intelligence Officer

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which is usually associated with jets. However, the first object which I saw answered quite well to all this talk of discs which has been going around. It was definitely tumbling and was smaller than our T-6. As our movement was relative however, I won't say in which direction it was moving other than it was northerly. I might add here that on one of the news programs of the following day, a reporter announced that three workers in Griffith Park, Los Angeles, had seen a disc.

MARVIN M. VAN SALTER  
1st Lt, AF CAL NG

Edwin B. Reeser  
2nd Lt, AF CAL NG

1st Ind

Hqs, 196th Fighter Squadron, San Bernardino AFB, San Edne, Cal. 19 Apr 49

TO: Intelligence Officer, San Bernardino AFB, San Edne, Cal.

Attention is invited to basic communications.

THEODORE A. SUITER  
Major AF CAL NG  
Commanding

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SUBJECT: Report on Flying Discs

TO: Major Everett D. Elkins  
Intelligence Officer  
San Bernardino AFB,  
San Bernardino, Calif.

1. On the afternoon of April 7, 1949, between the hours of 1445 and 1500, Lt. Edwin B. Reeser and I, were in a National Guard T-6, working the radio range at Riverside. I was in the front seat acting as observer, and Lt. Reeser was in the rear seat under the hood making his approach down the northwest leg toward the high cone. We were at approximately 3000 feet, and just before we got to the cone of silence, I told Lt. Reeser to lose a thousand feet, as we soon would have run into a cloud layer which was hanging over the range station. In the process of carrying out my order, Lt. Reeser missed the cone so he continued out the southeast leg to make a procedure turn and to attempt once more to hit the high cone.

2. It was while we were going away from the range station on this southeast leg at no more than 7000 feet that I noticed what I at first took to be a tip tank falling at what appeared to be about 1000 feet below us. The reason for this assumption was that it appeared to be red and grey in color and was tumbling in a forward direction. In our own jet squadron at San Bernardino we have some grey and red tip tanks, and I believe my first thought was the result of this association. I watched this object for about four or five seconds, then realizing the possibility that maybe some ship had peeled apart overhead, I looked up and saw what I immediately took to be four parachutes floating about 1000 feet apart but at an undetermined altitude. I could see no shroud lines or bodies, but these objects looked just like the canopy of a chute, reflecting a pure white color, not a metallic silver. By this time, we were headed back toward the high cone and in rather close so I let Lt Reeser hit the cone, then called him out from the hood and told him what I'd seen. He then scanned the skies and spotted the four white objects in nearly the same position previously seen and immediately told me that they were parachutes, thus confirming my first reaction. We then began to climb up to them to see what they were. We started from 7000 feet and by the time we had reached 9000 feet, these objects had vanished in a more or less easterly direction. By this time, our period was nearly over so we returned to our base.

3. I would like to emphasize that all this took place directly over March Field, and that the four objects which we both saw could have been jets, but they maintained this same distance of about 1000 feet apart, and they reflected a pure white color, not the silver metallic color

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